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SUBJECT: LOCAL ELECTIONS: PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S PARTY WINS BIG

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1. RESULTS FOR THE MARCH 20 LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THREE FOURTHS OF THE 10,400 FOKONTANY. PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S AREMA (AVANT GARDE DE LA REVOLUTION MALGACHE) HAS WON ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE SEATS ON THE FOKONTANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.
2. AKFM HAS WON ONLY 7 PER CENT OF THE SEATS WITH ITS BEST SHOWING IN TANANARIVE CITY WHERE IT APPARENTLY HAS WON A MAJORITY OF THE SEATS ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.
3. PERHAPS THE BIGGEST SURPRISE IS THE POOR SHOWING MADE BY MONIMA. MOST OBSERVERS HAD EXPECTED MONIMA TO AT LEAST DO WELL IN ITS HOME REGION AROUND TULEAR. HOWEVER, MONIMA HAS WON ONLY 1 PER CENT OF THE AVAILABLE SEATS AND ONLY 2 PER CENT OF THOSE IN TULEAR PROVINCE.
4. VONJY HAS DONE ABOUT AS WELL AS MONIMA HAVING WON ABOUT ONE PER CENT OF THE SEATS.

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5. UDECMA HAS WON ONLY 14 OF THE 63,000 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEATS AVAILABLE.
6. COMMENT: PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S PARTY, AREMA, IN GAINING 90 PER CENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEATS, NOW APPARENTLY HAS FULL CONTROL OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN MADAGASCAR. HIS

STRONGEST OPPONENT, AKFM, WON ONLY ABOUT SEVEN PER CENT OF THE SEATS AND MONIMA, THE GDRM'S MOST VOCAL OPPONENT, HAS BEEN REDUCED TO SEEMING INSIGNIFICANCE. IT IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED THAT AREMA'S THUMPING VICTORY WAS DUE TO THE PRESIDENT'S CONTROL OF EVERY STEP OF THE ELECTION MACHINERY AND TO THE STRONG PARTICIPATION IN AREMA'S CAMPAIGN BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS.

7. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE COMPLETE RESULTS WHEN AVAILABLE.BARRETT

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